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The Rockcliffe hits a wall

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

"We're not turning our backs on Minden, but it's the end of an era for the original Rockcliffe." Those somber words were shared by Rockcliffe owner Mark Dracup during an interview with the *Times* in reference to a council decision that put an end to the development of the restaurant in the downtown core.

Many would recognize the Rockcliffe Tavern that is located on the corner of Newcastle Street and Bobcaygeon Road in the heart of Minden. Three years ago, a group of investors stepped in to revitalize the building, and bring back the Rockcliffe name to the area. "We were the people who wanted to take this on," said Kirsty Goodearle, one of the co-owners of the brand, "The spirit of the Rockcliffe belongs in Minden."

While there was an abundance of red tape that emerged from the purchase, plus the inevitability of a complete overhaul of the building in its entirety, the group opted to open a second location in Moore Falls while they kept chipping away at one day opening the location downtown.

The Moore Falls Rockcliffe location quickly became a hot spot, filled with locals and visitors alike, and offering that same Rockcliffe "spirit" that Goodearle aimed to fulfill.

As the years ticked on and one council was replaced with another, the group started hearing less and less from the Minden Township about how the original building could undergo the changes in order to open.

The owners had created a rendering from an architect to display their vision of a restaurant, a bar, a music room, and more. At one

point, the township noted that they needed more parking to turn the facility into a proper restaurant. So the investors purchased a lot just down the road, which they also planned on turning into a small apartment complex, in an attempt to offset the local housing crisis.

All these plans were halted though when the owners of the Rockcliffe were told on Friday, Aug. 4 that their plans to expand the downtown location were denied. In order for the plans to follow through, they needed to acquire a piece of land that is connected to the original Rockcliffe property; a piece of land currently owned by the Township of Minden Hills.

"We went in with a firm, no conditions offer," said Dracup, "We showed our drawings, and explained how the investment in the community could be two, maybe three million. We gave them a very simple off-ramp for their headache."

After three years of waiting, Dracup and his team were told one month ago that the property would be going up for sale. After a series of questions not met with any answers from the township, they got word of a council meeting coming up on Aug. 3. "We were sent an email on the Monday, and told that if we wanted to present to council, we needed to submit the presentation by Tuesday morning. Less than 24 hours," said Dracup.

Dracup and his co-owner colleague Dan Gosselin were successful in putting together a presentation despite the time crunch, but after their presentation on Thursday, they were quickly told on Friday morning that their offer was not accepted.

Now, after three years of trying, they have decided to throw in the towel on the downtown location. "With this decision, the town

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Kilcoo director accused of assault; court claims filed

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Content warning: Please note that the following article outlines references of sexual misconduct towards a minor and acts of sexual assault, which may be upsetting to some readers.

The well-known Kilcoo Camp just south of Minden has made the news, and not for any of the right reasons.

The prestigious camp's former director, David Latimer, was accused of sexual misconduct that arose in the 1990s and early 2000s. Two cases were put forward, with the plaintiffs identified as J. Doe # 1 and J. Doe # 2. Due to the ages of the plaintiffs at the time of the alleged incidents, both cases are currently seeking a sealing and non-publication order on their names.

At this time, none of the claims have been tested in court.

In the claim made by J. Doe # 1, who was born in 1983, the plaintiff attended a week-long outdoor education program at Kilcoo for two years in a row, in approximately the years 1990 to 1993. Latimer, born in 1962, who, as the director of the camp at the time, was responsible for facilitating the activities for the week. Through this, Latimer developed a close relationship with J. Doe # 1, buying them personalized gifts and showering them with extra attention.

Towards the end of the week, Latimer told J. Doe # 1 that he wanted to take them "somewhere special" that would be a "secret" and warned them not to tell anyone. In the claim, Latimer proceeded to trap J. Doe # 1 against the wall, and continued to kiss and grope J. Doe # 1 above and below their clothing.

After the assault, Latimer told J. Doe # 1 that they were now in a romantic relationship. This "relationship" included

exchanged cards, letters, photos, and telephone calls. It continued on for three to four years, before Latimer saw J. Doe # 1 once again in-person, at which point, he introduced someone else as his girlfriend.

"Over time and throughout their young adulthood, the effects of the psychological trauma inflicted by Latimer's sexual assault intensified," reads the claim brought against Latimer on July 27, 2023. "J. Doe #1's mental health suffered acutely, eventually causing them to lose their job, withdraw from their social network, and move back home with their parents."

J. Doe # 2 was between the ages of 12 and 14 when they attended an outdoor education program at Kilcoo Camp in approximately 2001 to 2003. During this first stay at Kilcoo, she met Latimer, and he would engage in "extra" efforts to make her feel seen. "Latimer developed a close relationship with J. Doe #2," reads the claim made by the plaintiff. "He gave her an affectionate nickname and told her that she was special. The attention made J. Doe #2 feel valued, and she began to idolize Latimer."

J. Doe # 2 continued to attend the camp as she grew, and at the age of 15, became a junior counsellor. She maintained a close relationship with Latimer and his family, including his minor daughter. Latimer continued to hyper-fixate on J. Doe # 2, and gave her special privileges to gain his trust over the years. At the age of 19, J. Doe # 2 was approached while privately undressing by Latimer, (who was in his late 40s at the time), who groped her while blaming her 'irresistible sexual energy', as cited in the claim.

Latimer proceeded to assault J. Doe # 2 with sexually explicit phone calls and texts, pornographic videos, non-consensual groping and fondling, and continued indecent exposure over a number of years.

Both plaintiffs are claiming more than \$1.5 million in total

compensation, from both Latimer and Kilcoo Camp, citing both parties as liable for the assaults. "The relationship between Latimer and Kilcoo Camp is sufficiently close," states the claims, "and Latimer's wrongful conduct is sufficiently connected to conduct authorized by Kilcoo Camp, to render Kilcoo Camp vicariously liable for Latimer's actions."

Up until very recently, Latimer had been the director of Kilcoo since 1985, as well as the director of community life at Greenwood College School in Toronto, where he left in 2023 following rumours that he violated boundaries with a handful of minor students at the facility.

Upon the allegations at Kilcoo, Latimer stepped down immediately, as was noted in a letter sent out to upcoming Kilcoo camp families. Kilcoo Camp offered a statement to the *Times* in light of the allegations, stating that "Upon learning of a potential claim, Kilcoo immediately made leadership changes and Mr. Latimer is no longer Camp Director, he is not on site, and is not involved in operations of the organization. We will cooperate with any investigation. The safety of our campers and staff is always our top priority."

The crux of both claims was the forced coercion on behalf of Latimer, as well as the lack of consent. "Consent must be active and ongoing," the claims stated, "submission does not equal consent."

Beyond sending the *Times* the detailed statement of claims for J. Doe # 1 and J. Doe # 2, the lawyers representing the plaintiffs, Gillian Hnatiw and Anna Matas stated that they will not be making further comments on the cases at this time.

The *Times* will continue to report on this story as new developments take place.

If you or someone you know if facing assault, contact Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services at 705-878-5505 or 1-800-574-4401, www.victim-services.org.

Rockcliffe ready to sell

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has given us no confidence that they would ever want to offer us any support," said Gosselin.

They noted that through a series of community improvement plans and studies the township has conducted over the years, that abandoned original Rockcliffe building has come up as a point of contention. While some locals feel the ties to the original memories, others recognize it as a bruise on the aesthetic of the downtown core. "Whatever is on that corner, it sets the tone for the whole town," said Gosselin, noting the high visibility of the building.

After finding out that their bid was not successful, the Rockcliffe team took to social media.

"To our loyal customers," starts the lengthy post, "Unfortunately, our discussions with the Township of Minden Hills have not progressed the way we would've hoped. As such, we're not moving forward with the redevelopment of The Rockcliffe location in Minden Village."

The post goes on to say that they will be putting the original property back up for sale, and will be dedicating their energy and enthusiasm to the Moore Falls location moving forward. "Moore Falls is the Rockcliffe now," said Goodearle, "and the support has not stopped."

When asked if the team could take on a different approach to the new restaurant in the downtown core, without the addition of the township property, they answered with a unanimous "no." "It's not about the building," said Goodearle, "the Rockcliffe spirit can live anywhere." But they agreed that the headaches caused from the municipality are enough to discourage them from ever trying this type of initiative again. "Why would we or anybody take that burden on," said Gosselin.

The *Times* reached out to local officials for a statement on their decision, but at the time of publication, had not heard any response. Further updates will be provided as this story continues to develop.



The owners of the Rockcliffe, from left, Dan Gosselin, Kirsty Goodearle, Mark Dracop and Lise Dracop have opted to put the original building back up for sale, in light of a recent council decision. /FILE

Cast-off docks: The tip of a larger problem

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wayward cast-off docks have become the barge bits of the lake.

While different in more ways than one from the ocean-going behemoth icebergs and their wayward bits, old freely-floating docks seem to be common certain time of the year.

And more of them have become problems for waterfront dwellers.

Minden Hills residents Rick Thurston and Wendy Coulson petitioned township council to forgive them the landfill dumping fees for one such piece of a dock they removed from the middle of Horseshoe Lake. They included photos of the flotsam with their letter.

"We attempted to determine where it came from and asked through the lake community for the original owner to take responsibility for it but, to this point, we have been unsuccessful," their letter stated.

The couple were going to tear the bit of errant dock apart to bring it to the Scotchline landfill but were wary of the costing them hundreds of dollars.

"With that in mind, we are respectfully requesting your support to waive the landfill fee in this case so our best intentions to do the right thing do not turn into an expensive decision," they wrote.

Mike Timmins, the township's director of public works, said that, based on the photos provided with the letter, the dock's wood would likely be considered construction material once it's torn apart. He said the township would likely be forgiving "a couple hundred bucks" by waiving the disposal fee.

"I can certainly make that happen if that's council direction," he said.

In the end, council voted against waiving the landfill fees. The reluctance was borne of

a fear to set a precedent that would enable everybody to simple shove an old dock off onto the lake.

Mayor Bob Carter said unmoored docks floating freely is a problem that's grown every year.

"I know the lake I'm on, we've had that situation where every spring there are docks that manage to take off from people's home and, in some cases, people don't miss them and never go looking for them," he said.

In other cases, people who replace their docks simply cut the older one loose and give it a shove, sending it floating to whatever will happen and wherever it will end up.

In both instances, Carter said the cast-off docks often become other people's problems.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said council should waive the fee and send thank-you letters to Thurston and Coulson for their work.

"It would cost the township a lot more than \$200 by the time we paid for staffing and everything," she said. "If they're willing to do it, I'm comfortable waiving the fee."

Councillor Tammy McKelvey cautioned that the fee-forgiveness could prove to be a "slippery slope" for the township.

"Everybody is going to make sure that they do let their docks go," she said. "In a lot of townships, the lake associations take on the financial burden."

"I just think that there's going to be hundreds of these if we start waiving landfill tipping fees. Some of that material could be used for a nice little bonfire sitting by the lake."

"Assuming we don't have a fire ban," Carter said.

"Obviously, yes," McKelvey said.

Coun. Pam Sayne broached the possibility that such incidents could be producer responsibility.

"We talk about that for plastic garbage

bags," she said. "What about for products like this?"

She said she's preparing to dispose of an old dock. She's made arrangements for somebody to do the work and properly dispose of the refuse from it.

"And I'll be paying for that," Sayne said. "To think that people could just let their docks that are worn run wild and then eventually somebody else will take care of it, that's an issue."

This is a growing issue and there are many aged docks at many waterfronts. Some of them are rightfully being claimed, while others are not, Sayne said.

Coun. Bob Sisson suggested the respective lake associations should be handling such incidents.

"What's to say people can't just push their docks out, like's been said," he said. "We're setting a precedent if we waive it."

Carter said lake associations have no jurisdiction to enforce such rule. They can't even compel waterfront property owners to join an

association.

Waterfront properties being offered as short-term rentals also complicates the issue, he said.

"It's a nightmare, but the whole idea of licensing docks come into play here," the mayor said. "And then the idea of producer responsibility or owner responsibility for this is something that has to be determined."

Coun. Ivan Ingram said the piece of dock Thurston and Coulson plucked from Horseshoe Lake was clearly cast away by a property owner.

"This is clearly one that has been let go just to avoid the charges," Ingram said, and questioned if the problem is the township's responsibility. As if perhaps responsibility should be pushed up the chain to the provincial or even federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

"From my perspective, I think we deal with this in the short-term and then figure out what our longer-term solution is," Carter said. "I don't have the best solution."

Bring your popcorn!

Movie nights are back at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. The next show is *Atlantis: The Lost Empire* on August 10. Admission is free, and lawn chairs and snacks are recommended. /ADAM FRISK special to the Times



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Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in August.

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Join us under the stars for the second of our outdoor movie nights at the Cultural Centre on Thursday, August 10! We will be presenting *Atlantis: The Lost Empire* (2001). Don't forget your lawn chair, blanket and snacks! Admission is by donation. No pre-registration is required. This film is rated PG. For more information <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-23-58-outdoor-movie-nights-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre.aspx>

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. This week features hands-on science experiments and crafts taking place every day at 11 am and 2 pm including bracelet-making, tie dye and experiments with nature. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

The Movie Man ready for release

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Many have heard murmurings of the much-awaited *Movie Man* documentary coming out soon. The film, which features the beloved Highlands Cinema in Kinmount and the heart and soul behind the movies, Keith Stata, was started in 2018 by Matt Finlin of Door Knocker Media.

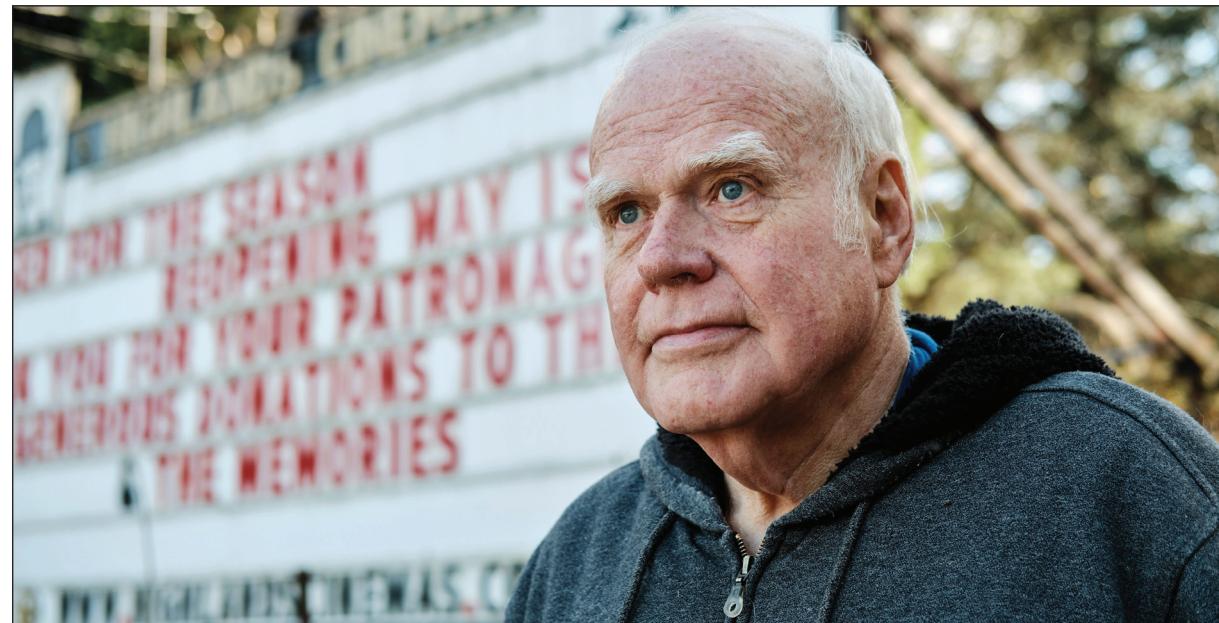
“What started as a little project evolved into this entire feature film,” Finlin told the *Times*. With a cottage on Maple Lake, Finlin spent much of his childhood attending the Kinmount Theatre. This was the space where he fell in love with the magic of movies, prompting a lifelong passion and career.

“Yes, it’s about the little idiosyncrasies of this little theatre, and yes, it’s about the experience of going to the movies, but what it’s really about is one man’s passion for providing this experience to others.”

The theatre opened its doors over 40 years ago, and has offered a wacky and whimsical experience to accompany each movie-going adventure. The halls are lined with relics from years gone by; moments in time that capture the history of film, and photos and images of days gone by. It’s always recommended that viewers show up to the film early, to take in the sights, scenes, and smells of the theatre ahead of time.

The efforts of Stata encompass the theatre as more than a singular experience; it suddenly becomes multi-dimensional and resonates with a lasting impact.

This is what caught Finlin’s attention when he was 12 years old, setting foot for the first time in Highlands Cinema to watch



Terminator 2: Judgment Day. “It’s really such a special place,” said Finlin.

Having started in 2018, the film had some highs and lows in production, with one big question mark landing on the pandemic years, when, for the first time since opening, the theatre needed to shut its doors.

As it turns out, this ended up being a blessing for Finlin. “During COVID, we really saw the stakes of what’s going to happen. To this theatre, and to the whole movie industry,” he said. This realization cast a shining light on the central theme to the film: the concept of time.

“We started to really focus on how we use our time,” Finlin said, as he became acutely aware of how movie viewing became a

choice, and the people who choose to see the movies can become a part of this experience offered at Highlands Theatre.

Finlin has been receiving praise from around the world on the film so far, with Ed Robertson, the singer from the Barenaked Ladies, loving the theatre and stepping on as the co-producer, and Martin Sheen viewing the film, and offering to present it at film festivals around the world.

He also noted the support he received locally, highlighting how wonderful it was to work with Stata, as well as Roland Hamilton, who works at Highlands Cinema, and is “fundamental in keeping the theatre alive,” said Finlin.

While Finlin is eager to get the film in front

of local eyes so that viewers recognize these familiar faces, he noted that showing the film publicly would disqualify him from international film festivals, and as an independent filmmaker, he is relies on these festivals to get the word out. “We are aiming for it to land somewhere by the end of September,” he said, noting that the film was just completed two weeks ago.

While locals may have to wait to see the film, they can keep up with the buzz by visiting www.movieamanfilm.com for all the updates. “I am incredibly proud of it,” said Finlin. “It’s funny, it’s touching, and it just hits on all those reasons that we love going to these movies.”

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County to draft accommodation tax rules for towns' consideration

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There's a handful of core items lower tier municipalities will have to consider if they're to adopt a municipal accommodation tax.

Scott Ovall, Haliburton County's economic development and tourism director, laid out the important issues to be considered by the four townships when drafting a bylaw to level an accommodation tax on short-term property rental operators.

County council tasked staff July 26 to draft a municipal accommodation tax bylaw for consideration by the lower tier municipalities. The tax will only apply to short-term rental properties.

Ovall said the most important core items revolve around tax rate, its collection, designating an eligible tourism entity half of the funds from taxation will support, and the use of funds.

"Not so much about how they use it because the lower tiers can kind of more or less do whatever they wish with it," Ovall said. "It would be any stipulations they want to put on the eligible tourism entity when they direct the funds there. Maybe there's something specific."

He said, particularly with short-term rentals, a third-party service provider that can handle collecting the tax would be well worth considering.

"In reality, if you were to get 50 per cent of the short-term rentals in your jurisdiction to remit an accommodation tax, you're probably doing better than 95 per cent of the province," he said.

Members of the county's economic development and tourism staff recently spoke with their provincial tourism counterparts and Airbnb representatives about short-term rentals.

The Airbnb crowd made it clear that they're not going to pony up an accommodation tax to a municipality until the province mandates it has to be paid if that municipality has such a tariff on the books.

Ovall said an accommodation tax has been pretty steady across the province at four per cent. Except for Toronto

where the rate just recently increased to six per cent on short-term rentals.

"So that is worth consideration that, if you feel because we're not doing this on your traditional roofed accommodation, you could explore going at a higher tax rate," he said.

A higher tax rate would be smart, given councillors have said they don't want tax dollars going into any aspect of the short-term rental program.

"For consistency, we talked about four per cent is pretty much standard across the board," Ovall said.

Haliburton County is the region's destination marketing arm to draw people to its lower tiers. The county isn't a not-for-profit, so that rules out money from the accommodation tax being funneled back to the upper tier.

He said the best way around that would be to create a non-profit corporate entity. That's the route Huntsville and Gravenhurst have taken.

Legal opinions will need to be obtained about creating a not-for-profit entity or a municipal services corporation, he said. And it could take a year to 18 months before the county can get an idea of how much money will be generated.

"So, if it's possible, it probably would make sense just to have that municipal services corporation consist of members of (county) council," Ovall said. "One reason is, essentially, that gives the lower tiers 100 per cent control of the money that's collected."

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, asked if some of the money generated by the accommodation tax could be used to pay for the bylaw's enforcement.

"You can do what you want with it," Ovall said. "There's no stipulation on the 50 per cent that you retain."

The other 50 per cent goes toward a local tourism entity.

Huntsville stows a large chunk of its share of the tax money in a fund for affordable housing, he said.



A celebration of success

Evan Backus, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student who recently won silver at OFSAA in the 300m hurdles event, fourth from left, was congratulated by former track and field OFSAA Red Hawk athletes Kate Campbell, second from left, and Matt Duchene, second from right, who also placed in their respective events when they attended HHSS. The athletes are pictured with their coaches Paul Morissette, Karen Gervais, and Walter Tose on the HHSS Gary Brohman field on Friday, Aug. 4. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Me too

Content warning: Please note that this editorial will discuss sexual assault, which may be triggering to some readers. If this is upsetting to you, please know that you are not alone.

THREE ARE highs and lows to this job. Some weeks, it's all bake sales and craft shows, and other times, it's talking to lawyers about multiple alleged sexual assault cases that took place in Minden.

When that story broke; appearing on newsstands and headlines far beyond our own corner of the world, I was asked if I could handle it. A story about something so gory and grotesque that it sounds like a true crime podcast.

I thought long and hard about it. But then I knew I needed to.

Because at one point, I was the one not telling my story. I wasn't ready to share my words.

I am not telling you this to be a victim or to garner sympathy or to place bias. I am writing this because of the power of words, and the importance of connection.

At the age of 21, I was sexually assaulted by a person who had authority over me. A colleague at the time, and someone I should have felt safe with.

And while I didn't ask to be assaulted, after the incident, I was told I deserved it. Told it was my fault. Told I should keep it a secret. Told I shouldn't cry wolf. Told I was imagining things.

It changed the trajectory of my life. The spirit in my eyes began to dim, and the hope I had for whatever was ahead felt forever tarnished. Truthfully, it still does a little bit.

I kept the incident a secret for

years, until one day I couldn't hold it in anymore. It bubbled to the surface; seeking solace and understanding, before it was met with a "yeah, that kind of thing happened to me too." "Same here." "Me too."

And while I felt a semblance of belonging from so many of the victims, no, survivors, who shared my experience, it started a fire that will never be put out.

It's been identified that over 30 per cent of women over the age of 30 in Canada have been sexually assaulted. I can almost guarantee it is higher, because we are told we deserve it. Told it is our fault. Told we should keep it a secret.

Told we shouldn't cry wolf. Told we were imagining things.

And now we are walking around in this world; functioning. Some differently than others. Many cracked and broken in places so deep in our soul that the light will never touch.

When the story broke, I needed to dive into it. I needed to understand more. To hear the words of the survivors who managed to crack through those deep and dark places and run towards the light.

Because those survivors aren't sharing these stories for themselves. No, the damage is done. They're sharing it to let an entire population know that they are not alone. That their voices matter. That words can make a difference. That we can change the trajectory of other people's lives.

So here is to the survivors, the ones who crack the hardened surface of pain to try and let the light in. One day at a time. Until no one else ever has to painfully say the words "me too" ever again.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



Spooning when you have a dog.

Front row seat

IF I COULD give anyone fishing advice it wouldn't be about casting, angling techniques, lure selection, finding fish, fighting them, or proper hookset. All these things are important, of course, but if you really want to catch more fish than the other angler, I'd advise you to make sure you are at the front of the boat.

This lesson was driven home once again last week when I caught three times as many fish as a fellow who is clearly a better angler than me.

We were using the same techniques, the same flies, the same lines and even the exact same rods. The only difference was I was at the front of the boat, and he was at the back.

Being up front bestows many advantages.

Most anglers will tell you that it means you get first crack at the fish you are encountering. And that's clearly important.

Nevertheless, I would argue that this is not the main reason you catch more fish than the other angler. No, the main reason is that when you are at the front of the boat you can do no wrong.

If you make a good cast and present your lure properly, you will likely hook any fish that is there. Even more importantly, however, is that if you are at the front of the boat, and you make a bad cast, you will not catch a fish – but neither will anyone else. That's because you will probably spook the fish, so that by the time the angler at the back gets his or her turn, they are hiding behind cover or have hightailed it out of casting range.

It's a win-win.

That's why if I were running a University of Fishing, one course would be called Front Seat 101. It would detail all the techniques good anglers use to weasel their way into the front seat. Last week, I used the old "if you wanted the front of the boat, you should have got there faster than me" technique.

Not an easy technique to pull off when you are fishing with a younger, more athletic angling partner either. But that's why God created the phrase, "Is that your cell phone on the ground back there?"

Of course, there are more subtle ways of getting the front of the boat. One is to lag behind a bit and say, "You know, of all my fishing partners, you've got the best butt...."

Nine times out of ten that'll get you the front of the boat. One time out of ten, it'll get you the entire boat.

No matter how you fangle it, you should do your best to secure a position at the front of the boat. Apart from the Titanic, this has never been a bad move.

Being at the front of the boat can make a real difference in the number of big fish and most fish bets you win.

Having said that, we all know that catching the most and biggest fish isn't really what angling is all about. In fact, it means nothing in the big scheme of things. No one is going to give you a standing ovation when you get back to shore and tell them that's what you did. But, you know, that still shouldn't stop you from taking a bow.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Beauty born in the mud

THE BEST thing about mid-summer are the blooms.

Orange day lilies stand wild and bold on the roadsides. Pink and white lilliums and purplish-blue hydrangeas bring an explosion of colour to peoples' gardens.

Even the creamy white milkweed lining highways gives beauty and a sense of peace after providing nourishment to monarch butterfly caterpillars.

Best of all are the heavenly white blooms that some Indigenous peoples consider a special gift from the sky. The Ojibwe have a legend about that bloom.



JIM POLING SR.

From *Shaman's Rock*

white rose. But she was lonely on the mountain because she was not close enough to the people.

She left the mountain and went to live in a prairie flower. She was unhappy there because herds of buffalo made the earth thunder and darken the sky with dust raised by their hooves.

The people watched the star rise from prairie and feared she was returning to the sky. Then they saw a breeze catch her and float her across the landscape before dropping her on a lake, where she rested like a canoe on calm water.

The next day children playing near the water ran home, yelling that a star had blossomed in the lake. People took canoes and paddled the lake to see the blossom and began chanting songs to it.

They named the new flower Wahbegwannee, the Anishinaabe word for white flower.

Today we call it the water lily.

For many Canadian Indigenous people the water lily represents a spiritual blossoming after travelling through the mud of life.

The water lily is a symbol of a variety of beliefs among Indigenous people, and other cultures and religions. In Buddhism and Hinduism it symbolizes resurrection because its petals close in the evening and reopen in morning, similar to a spiritual rebirth.

Buddhists also believe that the water lily represents enlightenment because of the beautiful flower that emerges from a muddy darkness.

The flowers and their large floating leaves, called lily pads, grow from root-like stems in the muddy bottom. The flowers, pads and the shoots that support them die before winter but the actual root system survives in the mud to produce new plants in the spring.

Water lilies don't drown like other plants, including trees, when flooded. That's because the flowers, pads and stems have air spaces that are like the air in our lungs keeping us from sinking when we float on our backs.

The flowers and pads have been described as community centres for all sorts of critters. Beetles, dragonflies and damselflies lay eggs in the stems. Other insects feed off the plant, as do larger creatures like deer, moose and muskrat and beaver.

Some fish rest in the shade of the pads during especially hot, sunny days. Frogs jump up onto the pads to rest.

Water lilies have been a favourite subject for painters and photographers. The French impressionist painter Charles Monet painted more than 250 pieces featuring water lilies. Some are among his most famous works.

Monet's water lily art and paintings by others are wonderful to look at. We Canadians are especially privileged because there are many ponds and lake edges where we can stop and drink in the calm beauty of the flower said to have dropped from the night sky for our pleasure.

Water lilies float serenely and silently, yet speak to us about tranquility, purity and the unending cycle of life, death and rebirth,

How can we not accept the Ojibwe belief that water lilies are a special gift from above?

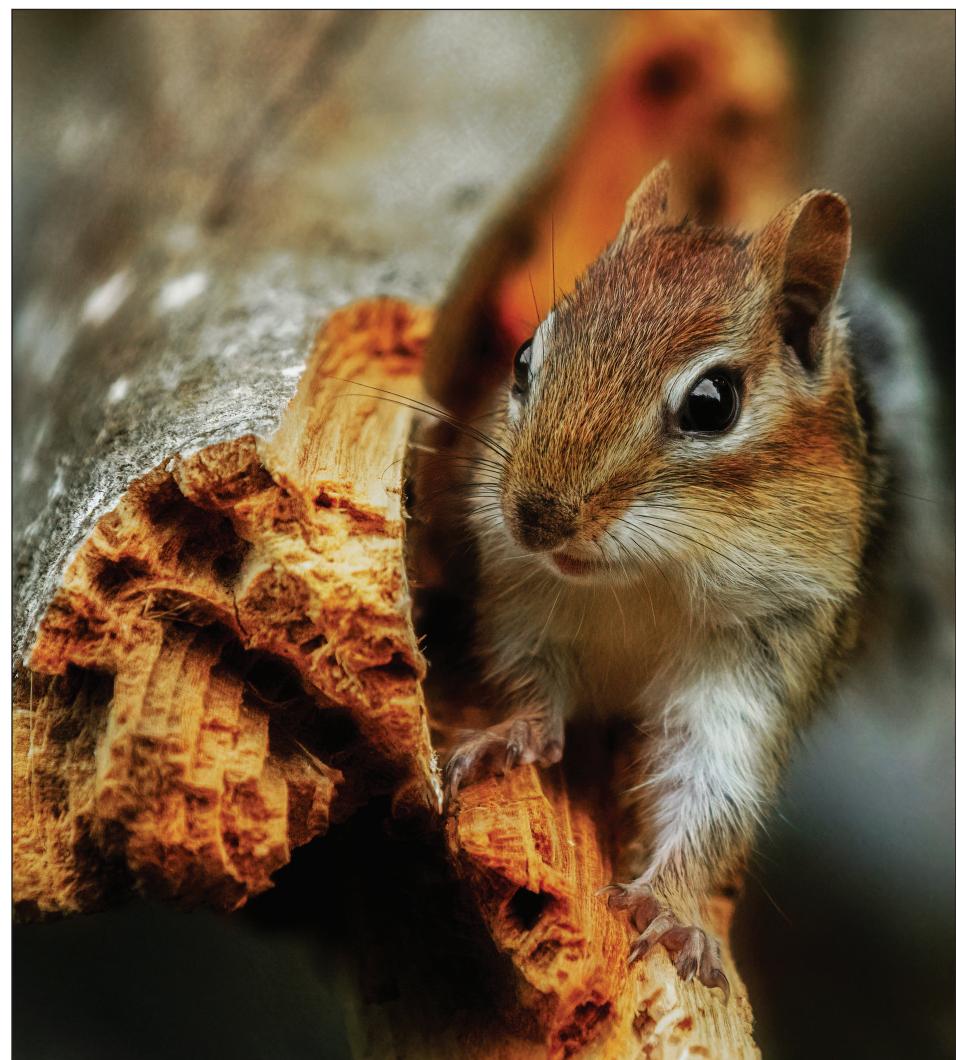
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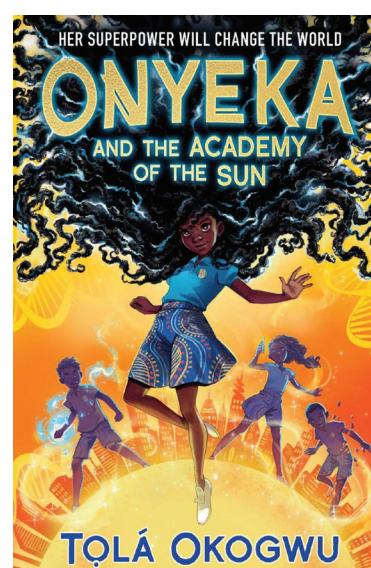
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Feeling chipper

Tammy Nash captured this image of a curious chipmunk in Algonquin Highlands. /TAMMY NASH special to the Times

HCPL's Book of the Week



Onyeka has a lot of hair – the kind that makes strangers stop in the street and her peers whisper behind her back. She has always felt insecure about her vibrant curls ... until the day her best friend almost drowns and Onyeka's hair takes on a life of its own, inexplicably pulling her from the water.

Onyeka is stunned when her mother reveals that she is a Solari: a secret group of people with superpowers found only in Nigeria. Her mother sends her to the Academy of the Sun, a school where Solari are trained. But Onyeka and her new friends at the academy soon have to put their powers to the test as they find themselves embroiled in a momentous battle between truth and lies...

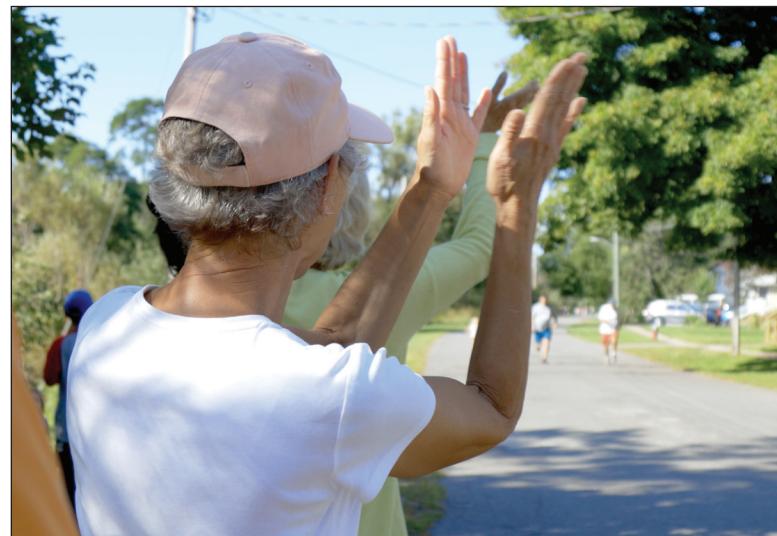
Recommended for ages eight to 12, *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* by Tolá Okogwu is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Race-ing money for a good cause

Nearly 200 racers came out on Aug. 6 to participate in the annual Highland Yard Race in Minden. This is the 50th in-person run of the Highland Yard, after taking a few years off to do virtual runs. /BRAD BROWN Special to the Times



Leah Allder of Minden smiles as she crosses the finish line at the Highland Yard.



Even if running wasn't for everyone, the streets were lined with people cheering on the runners as they crossed the finish line.



As per tradition, this year's prizes were once again mugs made by a local potter. This year, the mugs were made by Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery.



Whatcha gonna do?

BOUNCING AGAIN off the seven-piece podcast *Let's Not Be Kidding* by Gavin Crawford (available on GEM or wherever you get your podcasts, as they say on CBC), and continuing with an inter-generational exploration of living/dying with dementia, I'm going to talk about

the guilt of wishing people were dead and grieving incorrectly when they are. And about becoming a twisted human being because you fear that the trait you share with the person to whom you feel closest

is the death you hated them to have. And about what you're going to do about it.

Gavin Crawford, age 50 and a bit, and his colleagues from the performance arts wax shockingly candid and achingly eloquent about the pain of watching a parent undergo the long slow slide into death by dementia. Gavin says 'You lose things inch by inch. It's like pulling strands out of a sweater until there is no sweater left.' They admit to feeling only 'a little bit bad for feeling a little bit good' when the disappearing parent definitively departed. They appreciate the certainty of death replacing the agony of ambiguity, the end of searching for the glimmers of who the parent used to be, the confusion when the old self suddenly appears, the fresh injury when it disappears again, the sustained self-doubt about how one should relate to the person who is simultaneously familiar and strange, loved and loathed, here



FAY MARTIN

Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

and not here.

But their hard-earned callousness about their loss gives way to confusion about how to grieve that loss. They do not have the privilege of Joan Didion's pyrotechnical *Year of Magical Thinking*. (I threw the book across the room more than once when I re-read it as a widow, furious that this was the guide book that came readily to mind when people sought to help.) Where is the guidebook to Gavin's 'grief beyond relief', the puddle of wool where once a sweater had been? Not evident. Scott Thompson (*Kids in the Hall*), the eldest at mid-sixties, who alone of the gathered spoke of making room in his imagination and heart for the suffering of the caregiving spouse, found his mother after death 'more alive than she was for the last few years because now I can picture her in all the different times of her life.' Aurora Brown (*Baroness von Sketch Show*), the youngest in her early 20s, espouses living in the present, appreciating every day and every important relationship because death could be imminent; you could get hit by a bus or die by Covid. 'Or', says Gavin, 'we could slowly, very, very slowly, [over] the process of a number of years begin to forget everything we've ever known.' They both conclude, quickly and easily, that they'd take the bus.

There is an ironic connection between feeling a close affinity for the dementia-stricken parent and a sense of shared destiny: we're so alike in life – will we be alike in death? The beautiful sense of connection becomes a harbinger of doom, the worm stirring within the bud. Gavin calls in an expert to peck at the pesky problem of heredity, which everyone he talked to for the podcast worried about. The medical expert,

herself at acknowledged risk because both parents and both grandmothers had dementia, reviews the not-very-encouraging medical knowledge about playing the margins, reducing the odds by living the good life. Aurora, in her twenties, thinks they'll find a cure. Gavin's partner of thirty years 'just assumes' he'll become a caregiver; you can see him being hypervigilant that every forgotten name or noun may be the knock on the door, the arrival of the unwelcome guest. He gets angry when Gavin jokes about it. Humour is important but at some point this is not a laughing matter.

Because spouses have choices that children don't have. I know of a childless wife who sold the family assets, took what she needed to seed a new life in Mexico, and

consigned the remaining money and the care of her declining husband to a coterie of friends. (We should all have such friends!) Spouses can install their partners in a care home and visit when convenient. Or not at all. It's hard to be judgemental: an agreement, a vow, has been breached, albeit unintentionally but nevertheless for real, and not initially by the spouse who can walk away.

Spouses can stay or go. They can do their best job or make a slapdash effort. Children can dilute the connection to nothingness or intensify it to capture a relationship before the possibility is gone. None of these decisions is easy. None of them is perfect. All of them are human.



Have truck, will travel

The Abbey Gardens and Into the Blue Pizza team wanted to thank Bob Bullock, Rory Campbell, and the team at Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC for keeping them mobile with their new catering truck, donated in July. "This is going to make a huge difference for our team," said Ashley McAllister, director of operations for Abbey Gardens. "We are so grateful for this incredible sign of community support." /Photo submitted



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Time: 5:00
Location: Dimensions Retreat, 1218 Canopy Lane, Algonquin Highlands

THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH
DRAG STORYTIME – HALIBURTON
Time: 3:00 pm Location: Haliburton Library

QUEER TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 7:00 Location: The Dominion Hotel

OUTDOOR MOVIE SHOW
Time: 9:00
Location: Minden Hill Cultural Centre

TUESDAY AUGUST 22ND
DRAG STORYTIME – MINDEN
Time: 3:00 pm Location: Minden Library

MEET AND GREET RECEPTION
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashawagamog Lake Road

FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH
COMEDY NIGHT
Time: 7:00
Location: Sir Sam's Ski and Bike

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Doors Open 7:00pm
Location: Haliburton Legion

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23TH
YOUTH PRIDE BREAKFAST
Time: 9:00 -12:00pm
Location: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, 12 Dsart Ave., Haliburton

QUEER HIP HOP DANCE CLASS
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Wellness Hub, 135 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH
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MINDEN MUSIC

Rockin' and Rollin'

North Country Express performs at the Dominion Hotel Pub in downtown Minden on Saturday afternoon, playing some original tracks and some cover tunes. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Times



The Rockin' Bobs had people out of their seats and dancing up a storm at The Rockcliffe in Moore Falls on Saturday evening. Guests enjoyed some cold drinks, and some Cornhole while The Rockin' Bobs provided the soundtrack on a warm summer evening just outside Minden.

A large, stylized signature of "Melanie Hevesi" with "BROKER" underneath. Below the signature, the text "Make ME your REALTOR® of choice." is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a portrait of a woman with dark hair, smiling, wearing a tan jacket over a black top with white polka dots. To the right is a portrait of a man with dark hair and a beard, smiling, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. Below the portraits is a dark rectangular area containing the text "MCGILLIVRAY™ Trusted Haliburton County" and the phone number "705.854.1000". Below that is the website "www.melaniehevesi.com" and the email "info@melaniehevesi.com". At the bottom is the "CENTURY 21" logo with "Granite Realty Group Inc. BROKERAGE" and "Independently Owned & Operated".



Cornhole was a hit while the Rockin' Bobs play at the Rockcliffe Moore Falls on Saturday, August 5.



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Remains of county's oldest known turtle found

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Turtle Guardians recently announced a tragic end to Amazing Grace's story.

Remains of a large snapping turtle with distinguishing features were found at the Koshlong Lake dam, close to 15 kilometres away from her traditional grounds.

"We are certain that these are of our beloved friend, as the ocular bones are a match for the unusual form of her eyes, and her suture lines (connections between bone plates) are a match to Grace's unique carapace," said Turtle Guardians founder Leora Berman in a statement.

Berman said because of the nature of her remains and where they were found, human intervention likely caused the death of the 125+ year old turtle.

"They were bleached white with no flesh remaining, but all in one location, meaning that she had died months before she was found, but obviously not through predation," Berman said.

The search for Grace began in 2022 after a portion of the wetland she frequented off County Road 1 in Haliburton was filled.

Berman explained that it's unheard of for turtles to travel such distances from her original location, especially within the time she went missing.

"Territories are like their languages, and changing territorial boundaries means learning a new language which tends to takes time, therefore the only logical explanation is that she was moved to that location/trans-



located," Berman said.

There are a few reasons why Grace likely didn't survive last winter in a new area, all stemming from her displacement.

"She was found in an open lake that is not a known choice for snapping turtles to overwinter in, and therefore the conditions in the lake may not have allowed her to survive the winter. Also displaced turtles can become stressed which can lead to sickness. So while it is highly doubtful she was predated, nor is it likely she "suddenly died of old age", the

exact cause is a mystery, but biologically and behaviourally her passing relates to her being displaced," Berman said.

The Turtle Guardians mourn this loss with the community, as it signifies deeper issues within Haliburton County.

"It is extremely sad and a huge loss for this community as she was an icon, a loss for our lakes and wildlife because of her role, a loss for future generations of turtles as elders are essential to continue lineages, a loss for science because she was so unique, and also

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The only logical explanation is that she was moved to that location/translocated.

— LEORA BERMAN, TURTLE GUARDIANS FOUNDER

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for the world who watched her too," Berman said.

Berman said the responsibility of protecting species like Grace fall in the hands of municipal governments.

Those hoping to see a change can volunteer with local conservation organizations and sign the petition, www.change.org/p/in-the-name-of-grace-the-one-eyed-ancient-turtle-help-to-stop-the-loss-of-wildlife-and-wetlands-across-ontario.

"I think the take away is a lot of learning; that what we think is disposable is actually invaluable to our health and future, what we think is recognized and protected may actually slip through the cracks, and that it is not hard to find a balance between people and wildlife, protection and development, but this to happen we need to pay attention and speak out, and for this council to uphold their responsibilities," Berman said.

An apple a day...

by MAUREEN MOORE
Special to the Times

Most visitors to Haliburton stick to the main roads and tourist spots, but earlier this month a group of researchers from the University of Guelph travelled the back roads and visited some of the oldest farms in the county. They were here to collect leaf samples from heritage apple trees.

For the past two years, Dr. Brian Husband and Paul Kron of the Ontario Feral and Heritage Apple Project have been working with the Haliburton County Master Gardeners to conduct DNA testing on heritage apple trees. The goal is to locate rare varieties, include them in the provincial records, and add their DNA to the lab data bank.

Apples were an important food source to the settlers in Haliburton, and they were a feature on most farms. Apple trees need to cross pollinate with a different variety in order to produce fruit, so most farmers planted two varieties: one that ripened early for summer eating, and another late apple for winter storage and preserving. The resulting feral trees of these crossed varieties have sprung up from seeds along roadsides and in fields throughout the county.

Many of the original trees from pre-1945 have died out or been cut down, but there are still plenty of old apple trees and their off-

spring. Last year the Master Gardeners and U of Guelph researchers teamed up to test leaf samples from trees that property owners believed were from old cultivars. The DNA confirmed common old varieties including Duchess of Oldenburg and McIntosh, but they also found evidence of rarer varieties like Lowland Raspberry and Westfield Seek no Further.

This year the focus of the study changed to orchards, and the Master Gardeners heritage apple team were tasked with finding them. Not just any stand of apple trees would be selected. The trees had to meet criteria: to have been planted pre-1945, have a single trunk typical of cultivars, and be planted in a pattern.

While rushing around the county on our daily business, it is easy to overlook the fact that many original homesteads were located on back roads, which had thriving farms in the 1800s. Four orchards were identified, all on roads less travelled: two on Tom Bolton Rd., one on Roberston Rd. and one atop Vinegar Hill on the Essenville Line.

On Aug. 2 and 3 Paul Kron and three summer students, along with Lori Andersen and Maureen Moore of the Master Gardeners, visited the orchards. They took 136 leaf samples from the trees and learned some interesting history of the farms.

Jamie and Nina Riberdy are working tirelessly to preserve the apple trees on their

farm at the corner of the Old Donald Rd. and Tom Bolton Rd. The researchers were overwhelmed by the number of apple trees on the farm, but Jamie gave an explanation. The farm was the site of one of the first churches in Haliburton County, and the early ministers planted apple trees around the church. The parishioners used the apples to make pies, which they sold to raise funds for the church.

Just down Tom Bolton Rd., Lindsey Coates and Ernie Wherry have their home and gardens on the former Tom Bolton farm. Tom's family bought the farm from the Ball family in 1906 and planted apple trees. Some of the fine old trees still line the driveway.

Two of the four farms are still owned by family of the original settlers. Vinegar Hill Farm on the Essenville Line has been home to descendants of Matthias and Martha Rowbotham since the 1880s. Today, their great-granddaughter, Carol Lee, calls the farm home. According to Carol, Vinegar Hill got its name from the maple vinegar Martha made and sold by the barrel.

Finally, the researchers visited the farm of Keith and Julia Robertson on Robertson Road, the main road between Haliburton and Minden before County Rd. 21 was built. Although the fields are largely overgrown, the stone fences and apple-laden trees bear witness to the achievements of the early farmers.

Paul returned to Guelph with enough leaf samples to keep him busy testing DNA. He also left Haliburton with an appreciation of



the struggles and successes of the early farmers in the area. Visit www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca for more information on the Heritage Apple Project.

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Answers on page 15

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. PLSRA2022001:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1233 Celestial Drive within Part Lot 27, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Minden.
- File No. PLSRA2022002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of the vacant lot having roll number 4616-032-000-44377 within Part Lot 27, Concession 9 in the geographic Township of Minden.
- File No. PLSRA2022065:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1045 Disk Drive within Part Lot 9, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.
- File No. PLSRA2020059:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of 1231 Clear Lake Road within Part Lot 15, Concession 4 in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for **August 31st, 2023**.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)
Township Planning Consultant
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The 2023 Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic hosted at Blairhampton Golf Course on July 21, 2023 was an unprecedented achievement. Our incredible community came together and raised over **\$209,000** for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. These funds will go toward securing the crucial Diagnostic Imaging equipment needed in our county.

Our sponsors' significant support, the invaluable donations, and our volunteer team's infectious enthusiasm helped magnify the impacts of our collective mission. Every contribution, large or small, echoed our shared purpose - optimizing health and wellbeing in Haliburton County.

Behind the success of this incredible day was an ambitious team of volunteers led by golf committee co-chairs, Troy Austen and Vince Duchene, including David Blodgett, Susannah Moylan, Klara Oyler & Melanie Klodt Wong. They envisioned a day of golf, comradery and friendly competition to bolster health resources in our county.

All of this would not have been possible without the generous and steadfast support of Matt Duchene and his family who put their hearts and souls into this year after year. Thank you. Here's to you, our true champions, golfers and sponsors, for making this happen.

See you in 2024!

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Kash Art on the Water returns

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Kash Art on the Water tour is back to showcase the county's diverse arts community for a third year.

Twenty-five artisans are participating on 11 properties around Kashagawigamog Lake on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have pottery, painters, we have woodworking, jewelry, clothing, abstract art, and we have a tarot reader this year on Puffer Island," said co-organizer Lesley Sahakian. "That's the most artists we've ever had which is really exciting. What we've done this year to try and make it more accessible for everyone is instead of having a lot of properties, we've brought multiple artisans onto the other artist's properties."

She said artists from neighbouring lakes are joining in this year.

Five artists will be located at the Bonnie View.

"People can go to the Bonnie View halfway through, have a drink or something to eat on the patio, check out the artisans, and then continue on. Kate's Burger Counter is a great stop too for food or ice cream," Sahakian said.

Accessible by water or land, the event started three years ago from the community's desire for connection.

"During COVID, we thought that with everyone being stuck in their homes, and a lot of regular events having been cancelled around Haliburton, we thought this was a good opportunity to see others outdoors in a safe environment. That way, people could still come and support our local artisans, get to know people, and it really has been that," Sahakian said.

She said getting to know other artists around the lake as well as visitors has been the best part of Kash Art on the Water.

"When you visit different artisans, you get to know who they are, so it's a great community engagement event and is just something really fun to do on the lake," she said.

The map is accessible on www.lko.ca, on Instagram @kashartonthewater, and will be available in postcard form at each participating location.



Allison Barrow, cottager on Kashagawigamog Lake, and member of the organizing committee for Kash Art, displayed her own watercolour artwork on Saturday. She started painting with watercolours in 2015. /FILE



Philip Carroll displayed his woodworking art for Kash Art on the Water as well. It became his retirement gig because he loves working with wood. Carroll enjoys the element of surprise when working with heritage wood. /FILE

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Our Community NOSE how to support the Minden Rotary

Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns are everywhere....Who are these fun loving people?

Who is it that clowning around at Minden events? Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns of course! Little "Red Noses" are showing up everywhere reminding everyone that "Our Community NOSE how to support the Minden Rotary."

You too could be a Celebrity Clown. The Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns are members of our community volunteering to be dressed as a clown for Minden community events. Perhaps you saw members of the Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns at the recent Canada Day Celebrations? The clowns mixed with the crowd handing out red noses and having their pictures taken with participants.

The smiles on the faces of the people in the pictures indicate Canada Day and picture taking was fun for all. Can we interest you in becoming a Celebrity Clown for future community events?

Minden Rotary is asking members of the community to consider becoming a celebrity clown. Everyone is eligible and we invite you to join the fun. We will costume you for the events and ask you to circulate among the crowd, hand out noses and allow your picture to be taken. Even your closest friends may not recognize you.

Not everyone will allow themselves the thrill and anonymity of being a Celebrity Clown. However we invite individuals and businesses to support the Minden Rotary Celebrity Clown project by making a donation to Minden Rotary. Minden Rotary has contributed to this community for over 70 years and has supported many of the efforts of the nonprofits, purchased needed equipment and supported recreational, hospital and nursing home facilities. Minden Rotary fund-



raises for many projects each year however we are recognizing the need to do more to support our food and heat banks, the community vegetable garden, etc.

The Minden Rotary Celebrity Clown fundraising project is intended to remind people that "Our Community NOSE how to support Minden Rotary!"

So ... you as a community member can support our project by becoming a Celebrity Clown by making yourself known to a Rotarian or calling Sally Moore 705-286-4922. Clowns are needed for RotaryFest Aug. 12, for Minden Pride Street fest and the Santa Clause Parade.

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ca and showing your support for our fundraising "Clown NOSE" project. Rotary also welcomes eTransfers to treasurer@mindenrotary.ca and cheques mailed to Minden Rotary, Box 504 Minden K0M 2K0.

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Taking a tour

Haliburton County's 17th annual Tour De Forest took place over the Civic Day long weekend, with 25 artists opening their doors to the public. Artists from around the county had their work on display at 12 studios around the area. Pictured, landscape painter Donna Both poses for a photo during the Tour De Forest art tour on Sunday. /ADAM FRISK special to the Times



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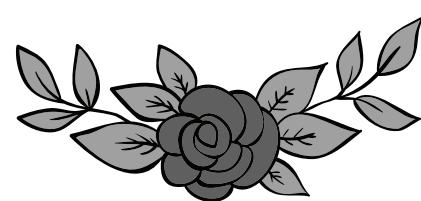
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Leo Patrick Monaghan

Age 64 left this earth on July 26, 2023, after a warrior battle with cancer.

Pat was born in Grimsby, Ontario in 1959 to Beverley and Peter Monaghan. Pat is survived by his mother Beverley (Charles Boudreau), brothers Michael Shawn, Norman Daniel (Christine) and sister Kelly Quail (Edwin). Also nieces Tamara Monaghan, and Leighla Quail, nephews

Thomas Monaghan, James Quail. Pat was loved by aunts and uncles and many cousins; best friends Mary and Derrick Squires and Louise and Glen Moore. Pat's last words were about his love for Christine McKenney, and family and friends are grateful for her loving care. His passion was family, friends, animals, Classic vehicles, and especially Blues Music. Pat was well known for his Buckslide Dog treats and his Buckslide Blues Cruise radio show on Canoe FM reaching an audience across Canada and the United States. Pat won 3 NCRA awards for his radio show and an award from the Toronto Maple Blues Society for promoting Blues Music. In Memphis, TN a brick with his name has been added to the Walk of Fame. Pat will be missed by his family and many friends. A private service will be held for the immediate family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Haliburton Legion on September 23rd from 4 pm to 9 pm. There will be an open Mic for those who wish to speak.

In Loving Memory of Robert James "Bob" Wood

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the age of 78.

Beloved husband of Beverly (nee Hannivan), dear father of Tim of Simcoe, Gord and his wife Kim of Minden. Loving grandpa of MacKenzie, Blake, Madison, Jaydon and Knox the dog, DOG, Boots and Izzy. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Bob joined the OPP with the Brighton Detachment in 1966, he then went to the Minden Detachment where he retired in 1995.

It was Bob's wish for cremation and a private family gathering.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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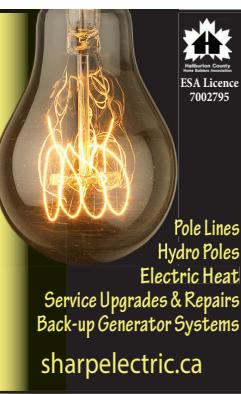
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Major grants announced for two villages

\$116,000 for Minden Centre \$750,000 for Haliburton hospital

A grant from the provincial Lottery Corporation in the amount of \$116,225 has been announced to assist in the construction of a major addition to the Minden Community Centre. The announcement was made Monday, and relayed in person on Tuesday by Victoria - Haliburton MPP John Eakins. Mr. Eakins is also the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, a department which includes responsibility for the provincial Lottery Corporation.

The money is being made available under a capital grant for new recreational facilities which provides up to 50% of the cost of a project which adds to the recreational facilities of the community. The estimated cost of the Minden project has been set at \$250,000. The Rotary Club of Minden, which has been instrumental in applying for the lottery funding, has committed up to \$50,000 for the project with the remaining money coming from municipal sources. The grant application was submitted in the name of the municipality.

The project will see a two storey addition constructed between the existing community centre and curling club. The upper level will include an expansion of the existing community hall to almost double the present space. The new addition will create one large room or the old and new sections can be divided to create two smaller rooms, approximately the same size as the existing hall. The plan calls for the existing hall to become the home for the municipality's Beaver, Cub and Scout, Brownies and Girl Guides groups. Two offices for these organizations will be

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Funding for an 18 bed chronic care facility in Haliburton was announced Friday by the provincial government. At a price of \$1.5 million the new addition will almost triple the present capacity of the hospital. Half the cost - \$750,000 - will be met by the Ministry of Health and the other half will be made up by the county, the municipalities, service clubs and from private donations.

"The new facility has got to go through," said Haliburton County Warden Harry Davis. "We need it badly and we've just got to bite the bullet and go ahead and do it."

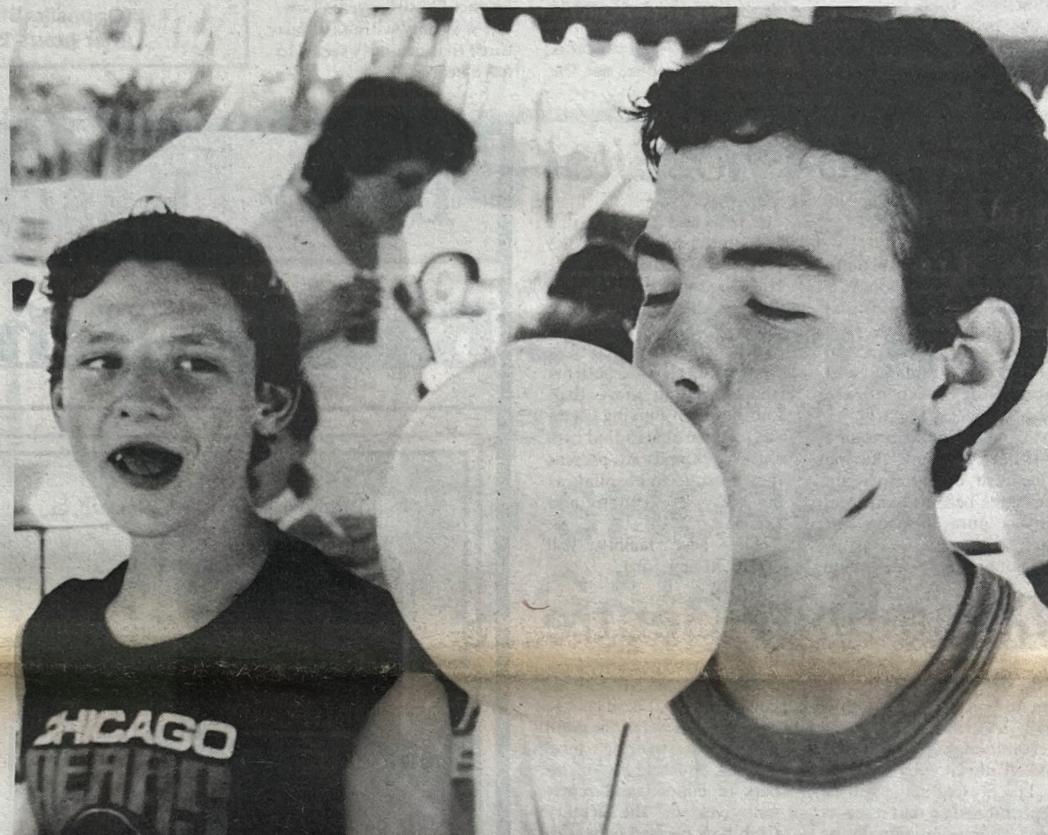
Leo Dorion, the executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough, which administers Haliburton and Minden hospitals, was also pleased with the plan for the beds. "We're delighted to get them, but it's still going to be tight."

"I expect we'll be short, even when the beds are completed, but 18 are better than none," he commented.

There has long been a need for chronic care beds in the county and last August the board of St. Joseph's Hospital set up an ad hoc committee to study the problem and suggest solutions. Results from that study were included in an application for a grant sent by the St. Joseph's board to the Ministry of Health last June. The Ministry took less than two months to deliver its answer.

"The whole thing happened amazingly fast," said Barbara Dawson, the ad hoc committee chairman. "Usually you have to wait a long time while the government considers your

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Larry Little gets an admiring glance from Dale Balbello as he attempts to blow the largest bubble during the kids' contests at the Haliburton County Fair. This year's event provided activity and fun for all participants of all ages. For more photos on the two day event, please turn to pages 11 through 16.

Residents challenge Pine Point closure

The area known as Pine Point beach on Lake Kashagawigamog near Ingoldsby could be sold into private ownership by the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden. The beach has been used for swimming by the public for the last 70 years. Residents of the municipality, particularly residents in the Ingoldsby

area, however, are against the sale of the land.

In a presentation to council at the last meeting (August 12), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorn expressed their concern over the proposed sale.

"It's the safest beach in the area," Mr. Thorn told council. "There're no beaches on the lake that are

as safe for small children as the one at Pine Point."

The Thorns explained they owned land close to Pine Point and now the beach is in dispute, people have been using their beach. "But who's going to be liable if there's an accident?" Mr. Thorn asked.

The site of the new Ingoldsby bridge used to be

used as a public swimming area, but with the construction of the structure, the beach is no longer suitable. "We've lost one swimming area," Mr. Thorn said, "and we're about to lose another; where do the children go?"

He suggested two possible

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Paddlers test white water skill

Minden will be swamped with vehicles sporting kayaks this weekend for the 1986 Pan-American Cup Competition. The Pan-Am is one of six major white water competitions and is held every second year in North America.

The race organizing committee reports that 128 competitors have now registered for the event, which includes practice paddling on Friday and Saturday afternoons and competition runs through most of Sunday. The competitors are from ten different

countries including Australia, New Zealand, Europe, South and North America.

The weekend competition is second only to the World Championships that will be held in 1987 at Bourg St. Maurice, France. The competitors this weekend will include some of the world's best paddlers, including several current world champions and other medal winners from last year's World Championships in West Germany.

White water racing is defined as a "downriver" or

"wildwater" race. According to the race committee, "This involves a race against time in a direct confrontation with the natural hazards and hydraulics of the river." Each event is divided into four competitive classes: Men's Kayak (K1), Women's Kayak (K1W), Men's Canoe (C1) and Two Person Canoe (C2).

Slalom racing with kayaks is similar to slalom skiing, in that the paddler must negotiate a number of "gates" during the trip downstream. Each gate consists of two poles hung

vertically from a rope stretched across the river. Paddlers receive a five second penalty if they touch the gate while passing through and a 50 second penalty if they miss the gate. The penalties are added to the paddlers total finishing time.

Spectators can view open practice sessions all day Friday and from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The actual competition runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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